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TAGS: PFOR, BA

SUBJECT: INTERIM ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN SETTLEMENT

1. SEPTEMBER 11 GOB FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM HAD BEEN IN BAHRAIN TWO DAYS BEFORE, TAKING AN EXTREMELY HARD LINE ON SADAT'S "BETRAYAL" OF ARABS IN REACHING INTERIM ACCORD. KHADDAM TOLD GOB SYRIA IS WORKING TO HAVE SADAT RENOUNCE THE AGREEMENT. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID GOB HAD RESPONDED THAT IT SEES LITTLE VALUE IN DISCUSSING THIS PROBLEM IN SUCH BILATERAL CONTEXT AND FEELS THAT ARAB SUMMIT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO RESOLVE CONFLICTING ATTITUDES OF ARAB GOVERNMENTS TOWARD AGREEMENT.

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2. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT BAHRAIN AS SMALL COUNTRY HAD TO BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL IN FORMULATING ITS REACTION SINCE IT DID NOT WANT TO OFFEND SYRIA OR EVEN PALESTINIANS. GOB FEELS THAT PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY COUNTRY SUCH AS BAHRAIN WOULD SIMPLY ASSIST IN FURTHER POLARIZING ARAB STATES AND HENCE GOB PLANS TO REMAIN PUBLICLY SILENT FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE. HE IMPLIED STRONGLY GOB SYMPATHIES ARE WITH SADAT; SAID THAT GOB HOPES TIME AND LUCK WILL BRING ABOUT ARAB RECONCILIATION ON THIS ISSUE AND THAT, IN THE MEANTIME, SADAT HAS THE "COURAGE AND STRENGTH" TO WITHSTAND CRITICISM FROM OTHER ARAB LEADERS.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THERE OBVIOUSLY MUST BE SOME EFFORT AMONG ARAB LEAGUE STATES AT UNGA TO REACH SOME KIND OF CONSENSUS ON THIS ISSUE, NOTING FOR EXAMPLE THAT HE HAD TO ADDRESS UNGA ON SEPTEMBER 30 AND AT THIS STAGE HAD NO IDEA WHAT HE COULD PRUDENTLY SAY ABOUT INTERIM SETTLEMENT.

4. WHILE CAREFULLY REFRAINING FROM OFFICIALLY ENDORSING SETTLEMENT, FOREIGN MINISTER WENT ON AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT THE EXTRAORDINARY SKILL AND ENERGY WHICH SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS DISPLAYED IN PURSUIT OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE.

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